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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief having a mailing date of May 30, 2007, with a time for response set to expire on June 30, 2007, Appellants respond as follows:

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The Supervisory Patent Examiner, Emmanuel L. Moise, asserts that Appellants' Amended Appeal Brief, filed on October 9, 2006, is defective because claims 6, 17 and 23 in the appendix of the Amended Appeal Brief is not consistent with the amendment filed on June 6, 2006. Appellants amended the Amended Appeal Brief (referred to herein as the "Twice Amended Appeal Brief") to rewrite claims 6, 17 and 23 in accordance with the amendment filed on June 6, 2006. As a result, Appellants respectfully assert that the Twice Amended Appeal Brief, filed herewith, is in compliance and respectfully request the Supervisory Patent Examiner to withdraw the notice of non-compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

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